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Total Employment Increases In December

North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,053,800 in mid-December 1986, a net monthly gain of 32,800 workers (+1.1 percent). The state's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,047,000 during the same period, a net over-the-month rise of 30,000 people (+1.0 percent).

Nonmanufacturing Employment Grows Monthly And Annually

As of mid-December 1986, statewide nonmanufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 1,952,900, a net over-the-month increase of 6,100 workers (+0.3 percent). The monthly growth was mainly due to the addition of 9,900 persons (+1.6 percent) in the trade industry. Retailing in particular was up by 10,100 as the holiday selling season peaked. The gain, however, was partially offset by the net over-the-month loss of 2,300 government workers (-0.5 percent) as state government declined by 2,200 and local by 400. Nonmanufacturing employment has grown by 76,100 people (+4.1 percent) over the year which, on a percentage basis, is more than thirteen times the yearly growth in manufacturing employment.

Manufacturing Employment Down Over The Month But Up Over The Year

Manufacturing employment by place of work in the state was estimated to be 832,500 in mid-December 1986, a net monthly decline of 2,000 workers (-0.2 percent). There was little activity in the durable goods segment, which fell by just 300 people (-0.1 percent) over the month. Overall employment in the nondurable goods segment fell by 1,800 persons (-0.4 percent) due primarily to the seasonal reduction of 1,800 workers (-6.8 percent) in tobacco manufacturing. The loss was somewhat counteracted by a modest increase of 500 people (+0.2 percent) in textile mill products as weaving mills added 600 and yarn mills gained 100. Manufacturing employment has increased by 2,700 persons (+0.3 percent) since December of 1985.

Total Unadjusted Unemployment Falls Over The Month

As of the middle of December of 1986, statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 154,800, a net over-the-month drop of 18,300 persons (-10.6 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.4 percent in November 1986 to 4.8 percent in December 1986. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 173,000 in mid-December 1986, a small net monthly increase of 1,000 people (+0.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment remained the same at 5.4 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.3 percent in December 1986 and 6.6 percent in November 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 6.7 percent in December and 6.9 percent in November.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	December 1986	November 1986	December 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,208,600	3,194,100	3,191,000
Employment	3,053,800	3,021,000	3,056,700
Unemployment	154,800	173,100	134,300
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.4	4.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,220,000	3,189,000	3,215,000
Employment	3,047,000	3,017,000	3,067,000
Unemployment	173,000	172,000	148,000
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.4	4.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	6.6	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.7	6.9	7.0

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

Average Hourly Earnings And Average Weekly Hours Increase

From mid-November to mid-December 1986, the average hourly earnings of the state's manufacturing production workers gained 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to reach $7.70. Durable goods employees' hourly wages also grew over the month, rising by 5¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to hit $7.99 in December 1986. Stone, clay, and glass workers led the way in durable goods with a net monthly increase of 13¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to reach $8.49. Employees in furniture and fixtures saw average hourly earnings rise by 11¢ (+1.6 percent) to $7.11. The hourly wages of workers in the nondurable goods sector increased as well, climbing by 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to $7.51. Tobacco manufacturing employees again enjoyed the largest net over-the-month wage rise in nondurables, up by $1.20 an hour (+9.3 percent) to $14.16. Workers in the printing industry saw their average hourly earnings increase to $9.04 after gaining 12¢ an hour (+1.3 percent). The average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by $6.33 (+2.0 percent) to $321.86 from the middle of November to the middle of December 1986. Average weekly hours stood at 41.8 in December 1986, a monthly rise of 0.5 of an hour.

High Percentage Of Job Openings Filled In December

During December 1986, there were 13,324 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a decline of 4,078 (-23.4 percent). Most of those openings were filled (11,836 or 88.8 percent). The largest number of job openings received was in miscellaneous occupations,

and of the 2,419 received all were filled. There were 1,894 job openings received in the structural work occupations in December 1986 and 1,683 or 88.9 percent were filled. In the bench work segment, 1,810 job openings were received during the month and 1,384 or 76.5 percent were filled. The lowest number of job openings received (412) was in processing, but all of them were filled. A total of 149,155 job openings were received by the local Job Service offices across the state from July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986. Almost 80 percent (118,833) were filled. There were 12,577 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of December 31, 1986, and 8,085 (64.3 percent) had been open for 30 days or longer. Those were labeled as hard to fill. The next table gives more data from the statewide job openings file for December 1986 and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	December 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Dec. 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	725	302	5,814	2,676	1,355	901
Clerical	1,779	1,169	14,926	9,712	1,841	1,051
Sales	844	557	5,896	3,466	1,009	691
Service	1,445	1,852	21,621	15,766	2,530	1,700
Domestic	222	179	1,440	1,121	123	85
Other Services	1,223	1,673	20,181	14,645	2,407	1,615
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	787	863	30,944	30,382	141	109
Processing	412	609	6,458	5,901	183	69
Machine Trades	1,209	943	10,651	8,313	1,119	682
Bench Work	1,810	1,384	13,311	11,462	1,520	1,038
Structural Work	1,894	1,683	16,982	12,619	1,758	1,164
Miscellaneous	2,419	2,474	22,552	18,536	1,121	680
Motor Freight and Transp.	467	446	4,573	2,133	500	345
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,901	1,997	17,589	16,171	567	304
Other	51	31	390	232	54	31
Total	13,324	11,836	149,155	118,833	12,577	8,085

1/ July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986.

The Number Of Job Applicants Declines

As of December 31, 1986, there were 170,911 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the state, a net over-the-month decrease of 2,925 persons (-1.7 percent). The 22 to 39 sector was the largest applicant sector by age with 109,897 or 64.3 percent of the total. The 40 to 54 age group numbered 34,080 or 19.9 percent. The 55 and over age segment continued to record the fewest active applicants with 10,515 or just 6.2 percent of the total. Males comprised 50.8 percent of the active applicant total with a count of 86,770. Most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic (94,641 or 55.3 percent). The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of December 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
December 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	170,911	100.0
Age		
22 - 39	109,897	64.3
40 - 54	34,080	19.9
55 and Over	10,515	6.2
Sex		
Male	86,770	50.8
Female	84,141	49.2
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,641	55.3
Black, not Hispanic	71,735	42.0
Hispanic	1,060	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,688	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	787	0.5
Eligible Claimant	72,934	42.7
Veteran	35,032	20.5
Handicapped	12,286	7.2
Seasonal Farmworker	1,924	1.1
Welfare	20,827	12.2

A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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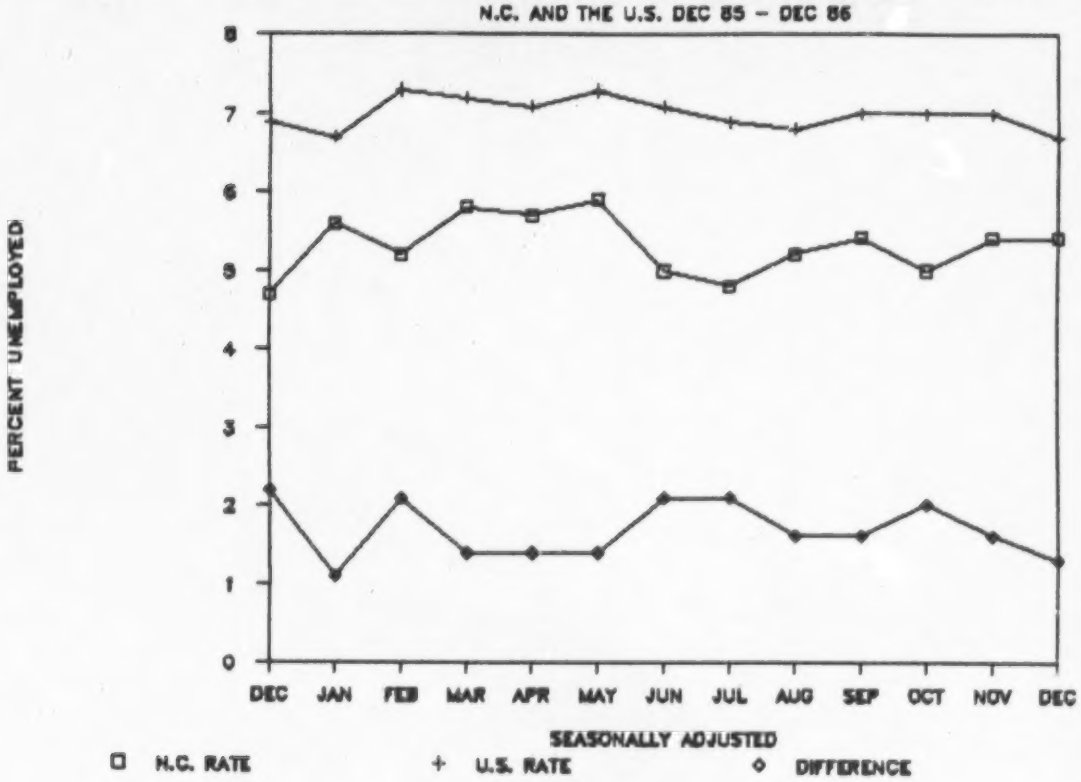

NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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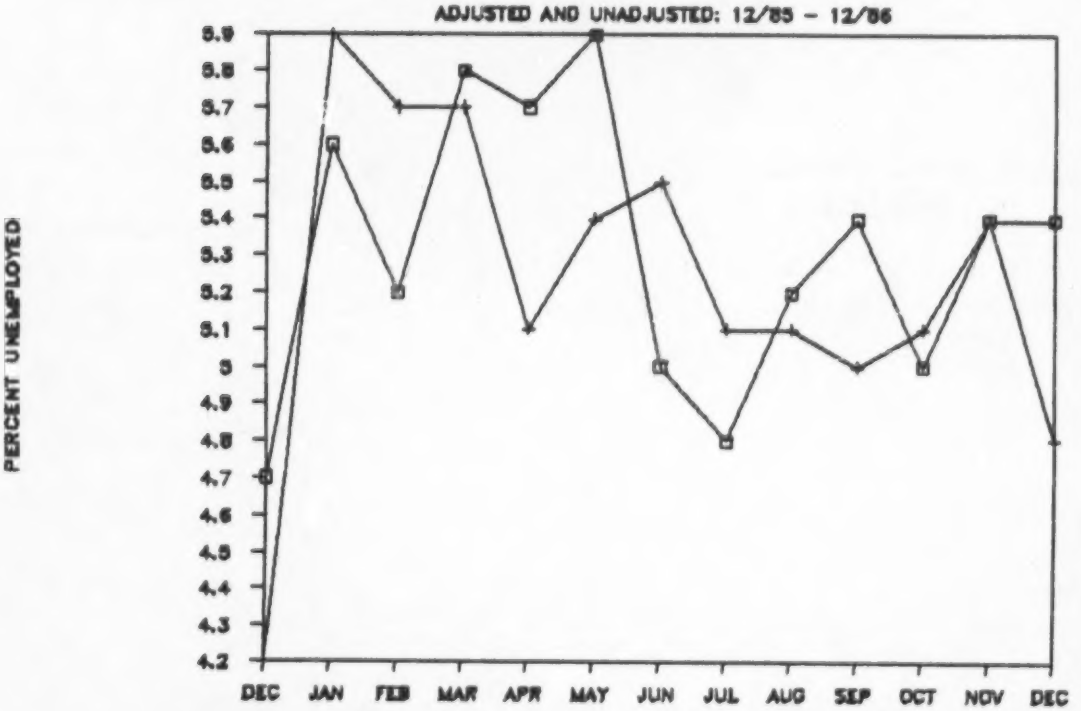
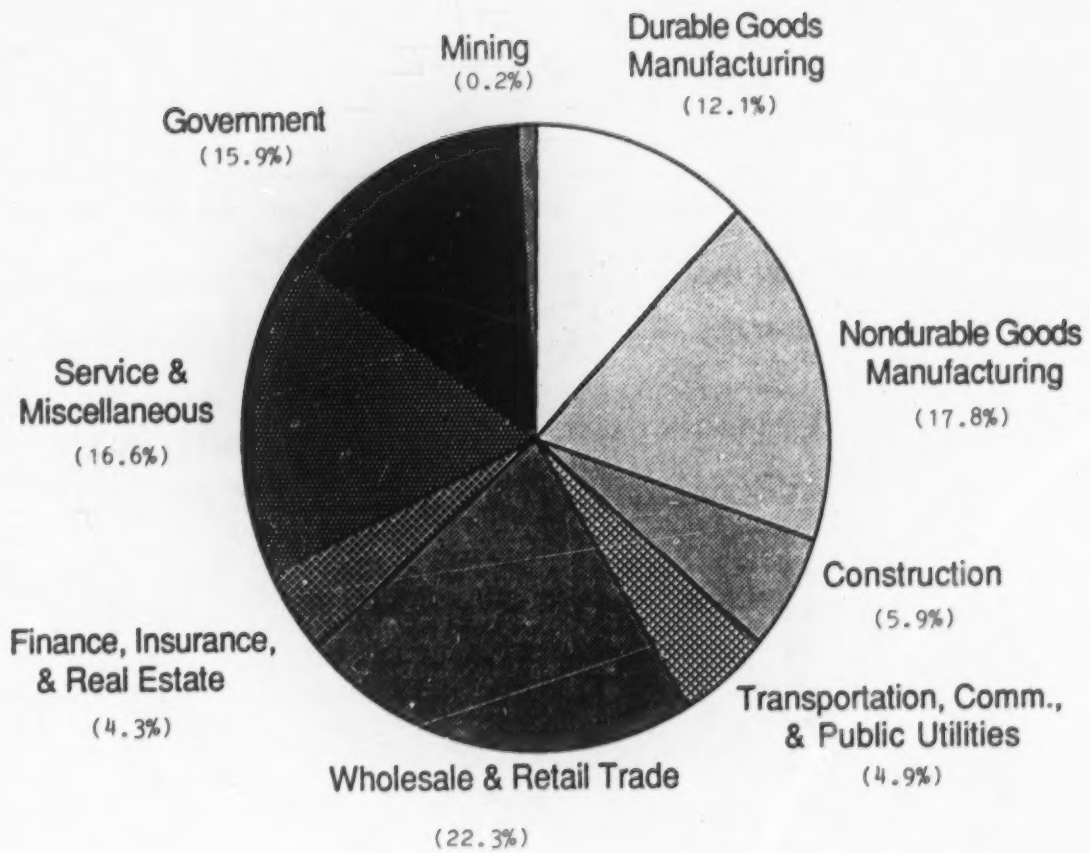


COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

December 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1986 (Thous.)	Nov.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous.)	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,785.4	2,781.3	2,706.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
MANUF. CTURING	832.5	834.5	829.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
DURABLE GOODS	335.7	336.0	342.1	- 0.1	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.4	34.5	35.8	- 0.3	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.3	11.3	11.8	0	- 4.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.9	8.0	8.3	- 1.2	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	5.2	5.5	- 1.9	- 7.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86.9	86.6	85.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Household Furniture	77.0	76.7	75.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	38.8	38.6	37.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.9	31.8	31.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.1	20.2	19.6	- 0.5	+ 2.6
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.8	5.6	- 3.4	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.1	10.5	- 1.0	- 4.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.0	26.3	26.8	- 1.1	- 3.0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	54.5	57.0	+ 0.4	- 4.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 5.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.1	62.5	66.2	- 0.6	- 6.2
Household Appliances	6.6	6.8	5.4	- 2.9	+ 22.2
Transportation Equipment	24.5	24.3	23.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.9	17.2	+ 0.6	- 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.8	498.6	487.7	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.1	47.1	0	- 2.1
Meat Products	21.4	21.4	20.3	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 1.8	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	26.5	26.2	- 6.8	- 5.7
Cigarettes	20.2	20.3	20.5	- 0.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	5.6	5.2	- 28.6	- 23.1
Textile Mill Products	211.6	211.1	206.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.2	52.6	54.9	+ 1.1	- 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.9	27.6	29.0	+ 1.1	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.4	25.4	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	77.6	77.7	74.3	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.4	24.9	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	23.8	24.1	22.3	- 1.2	+ 6.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.3	12.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.4	6.3	6.0	+ 1.6	+ 6.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	15.0	14.5	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.0	50.9	48.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1986 (Thous.)	Nov.* 1986 (Thous.)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous.)	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	90.9	88.9	- 0.8	+ 1.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.3	29.8	0	+ 5.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.8	37.3	38.3	- 1.3	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.3	22.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.5	10.7	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.9	7.8	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.6	26.5	0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	10.0	10.1	9.7	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.9	36.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.3	12.3	12.9	0	- 4.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.7	30.7	29.2	0	+ 5.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,952.9	1,946.8	1,876.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	164.1	165.3	154.7	- 0.7	+ 6.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	136.3	136.1	130.9	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.5	74.6	71.7	- 0.1	+ 3.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.4	57.2	54.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	624.4	614.5	600.0	+ 1.6	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	143.2	143.5	137.7	- 0.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.2	87.1	83.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.1	56.4	54.5	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	481.1	471.0	462.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	71.7	66.2	68.3	+ 8.3	+ 5.0
Food Stores	74.4	73.7	71.7	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	118.6	118.3	111.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	461.4	461.9	437.8	- 0.1	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.3	29.0	25.8	- 2.4	+ 9.7
Personal Services	28.6	28.5	27.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.7	0	0
Health Services	117.3	117.0	111.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Hospitals	44.9	44.9	43.2	0	+ 3.9
Legal Services	11.9	11.8	10.4	+ 0.8	+ 14.4
Educational Services	34.1	35.6	33.9	- 4.2	+ 0.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	443.6	445.9	437.6	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Federal	52.5	52.2	52.5	+ 0.6	0
State	130.3	132.5	129.4	- 1.7	+ 0.7
Education	70.3	72.4	69.5	- 2.9	+ 1.2
Other	60.0	60.1	59.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	260.8	261.2	255.8	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Education	140.1	139.9	137.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Other	120.7	121.3	118.1	- 0.5	+ 2.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

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	DECEMBER 1986 (thous)	NOVEMBER* 1986 (thous)	DECEMBER* 1985 (thous)	NOVEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,769.7	2,759.0	2,689.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	832.4	832.3	829.7	+ 0.01	+ 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	334.7	334.8	341.2	- 0.03	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.6	34.6	36.0	0	- 3.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.3	11.4	11.8	- 0.9	- 4.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.3	5.7	0	- 7.0
Furniture & Fixtures	86.2	85.9	84.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Household Furniture	76.2	76.0	75.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	38.6	38.0	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.7	31.6	31.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.3	20.1	19.8	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.9	2.7	2.7	+ 7.4	+ 7.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.8	5.6	- 3.4	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.1	10.5	0	- 3.8
Fabricated Metal Products	25.9	26.1	26.7	- 0.8	- 3.0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 9.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.2	54.5	56.4	- 0.6	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.3	6.9	- 1.4	+ 4.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	61.7	62.1	65.8	- 0.6	- 6.2
Household Appliances	6.5	6.3	5.3	+ 3.2	+ 22.6
Transportation Equipment	24.8	24.7	24.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	16.7	17.1	+ 1.2	- 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	497.7	497.5	488.5	+ 0.04	+ 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.8	47.8	46.8	0	+ 2.1
Meat Products	21.3	21.3	20.2	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 16.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.4	25.2	25.9	- 3.2	- 5.8
Cigarettes	20.1	20.2	20.4	- 0.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.8	4.3	5.0	- 11.6	- 24.0
Textile Mill Products	212.7	211.7	207.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.0	52.4	54.7	+ 1.1	- 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.7	27.3	28.8	+ 1.5	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.5	25.4	+ 0.4	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	78.4	78.2	75.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.5	24.9	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Hosiery, NEC	24.3	24.2	22.7	+ 0.4	+ 7.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.4	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 6.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.9	14.9	14.5	0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.1	51.2	48.5	- 0.2	+ 5.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	DECEMBER 1986 (thous)	NOVEMBER* 1986 (thous)	DECEMBER* 1985 (thous)	NOVEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.4	90.3	89.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.7	31.3	30.2	+ 1.3	+ 5.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	36.8	36.5	38.3	+ 0.8	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.3	22.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.6	10.6	- 0.9	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.9	7.7	7.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.4	27.5	26.5	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Newspapers	10.1	10.1	9.7	0	+ 4.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.2	37.0	- 0.5	0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.3	12.5	12.9	- 1.6	- 4.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.1	31.0	29.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,937.3	1,926.7	1,859.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	166.6	163.7	155.9	+ 1.8	+ 6.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	135.8	136.0	130.6	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	74.2	74.4	71.2	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	57.2	57.3	54.8	- 0.2	+ 4.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	610.3	607.7	586.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	144.1	142.7	138.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	87.4	87.0	83.4	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.7	55.7	55.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	466.2	465.0	447.9	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	62.5	62.8	59.5	- 0.5	+ 5.0
Food Stores	73.4	73.2	70.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	119.4	118.5	111.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	468.0	464.7	443.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.3	29.3	27.7	+ 3.4	+ 9.4
Personal Services	28.8	28.9	27.7	- 0.3	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	432.5	431.4	426.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Federal	52.5	52.3	52.5	+ 0.4	0
State	125.4	125.6	124.5	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Education	64.5	64.8	63.7	- 0.5	+ 1.3
Other	60.9	60.8	60.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	254.6	253.5	249.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Education	132.2	131.5	129.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Other	122.4	122.0	119.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1986	November* 1986	December* 1985	November 1986	December 1985
MANUFACTURING	660.4	662.1	656.5	- 0.3	+ 0.6
DURABLE GOODS	253.4	253.4	258.5	0	- 2.0
Lumber & Wood Products	29.3	29.4	30.7	- 0.3	- 4.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	6.8	6.8	7.3	0	- 6.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	4.1	4.5	- 2.4	-11.1
Furniture & Fixtures	76.1	75.8	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Household Furniture	68.0	67.7	67.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.3	35.1	34.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.2	16.3	15.9	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	7.2	7.2	7.8	0	- 7.7
Fabricated Metal Products	19.3	19.5	20.0	- 1.0	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.8	27.5	28.5	+ 1.1	- 2.5
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 2.0	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.8	45.1	48.0	- 0.7	- 6.7
Household Appliances	5.9	6.1	4.8	- 3.3	+22.9
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.8	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	406.9	408.7	398.0	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	34.2	34.3	33.2	- 0.3	+ 3.0
Meat Products	18.9	18.9	18.0	0	+ 5.0
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 5.3
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.3	20.9	20.2	- 7.7	- 4.5
Cigarettes	15.6	15.7	16.2	- 0.6	- 3.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	4.7	3.6	- 31.9	-11.1
Textile Mill Products	187.1	186.8	181.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	47.1	46.7	48.4	+ 0.9	- 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.5	24.3	25.3	+ 0.8	- 3.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.1	21.9	22.6	+ 0.9	- 2.2
Knitting Mills	68.8	68.9	65.8	- 0.1	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.6	22.4	- 0.9	0
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.7	20.2	- 0.9	+ 6.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.7	11.5	10.7	+ 1.7	+ 9.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 1.8	+ 5.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.4	12.6	12.1	- 1.6	+ 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.3	46.2	44.0	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.1	79.8	77.9	- 0.9	+ 1.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.2	27.2	26.3	0	+ 3.4
Women's & Children's Garments	32.3	32.8	33.3	- 1.5	- 3.0
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.6	16.8	+ 1.2	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.4	7.8	+ 1.4	- 3.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.0	5.9	5.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
Printing & Publishing	17.2	17.1	16.4	+ 0.6	+ 4.9
Newspapers	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.2	24.0	0	+ 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.6	8.6	8.8	0	- 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	25.2	25.2	23.8	0	+ 5.9
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 2.7

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."
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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

December 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov.* 1986	Dec.* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$ 321.86	$315.53	$ 308.10	41.8	41.3	41.3	$ 7.70	$ 7.64	$ 7.46
DURABLE GOODS	335.58	328.72	322.56	42.0	41.4	42.0	7.99	7.94	7.68
Lumber & Wood Products	279.47	272.49	268.38	41.9	41.1	41.1	6.67	6.63	6.53
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	275.33	268.06	260.16	42.1	40.8	41.1	6.54	6.57	6.33
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	286.69	287.98	290.14	38.9	38.9	39.8	7.37	7.38	7.29
Furniture & Fixtures	289.38	279.30	274.72	40.7	39.9	40.4	7.11	7.00	6.80
Household Furniture	287.75	277.11	273.78	40.7	39.7	40.5	7.07	6.98	6.76
Wood Household Furniture	271.99	272.74	261.46	40.9	41.2	40.6	6.65	6.62	6.44
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	357.43	349.45	338.06	42.1	41.8	42.1	8.49	8.36	8.03
Structural Clay Products	290.79	306.80	282.81	41.9	44.4	42.4	6.94	6.91	6.67
Primary Metal Industries	393.32	387.47	374.52	43.8	43.1	42.9	8.98	8.99	8.73
Fabricated Metal Products	356.17	357.01	345.03	42.1	42.1	43.4	8.46	8.48	7.95
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	385.88	377.56	379.55	43.9	43.1	44.6	8.79	8.76	8.51
Special Industry Machinery	369.41	360.53	348.73	44.4	43.7	43.7	8.32	8.25	7.98
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	380.88	376.13	361.25	42.7	42.5	42.4	8.92	8.85	8.52
Household Appliances	267.26	266.70	268.46	41.5	42.2	40.8	6.44	6.32	6.58
Transportation Equipment	378.81	372.77	371.42	42.9	42.7	43.8	8.83	8.73	8.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.42	306.94	298.25	41.6	41.2	40.8	7.51	7.45	7.31
Food & Kindred Products	269.97	269.88	269.47	38.9	39.0	40.4	6.94	6.92	6.67
Meat Products	210.40	223.71	221.73	35.6	37.1	38.9	5.91	6.03	5.70
Meat Packing	379.82	377.21	333.63	47.3	46.8	42.5	8.03	8.06	7.85
Dairy Products	287.18	281.25	291.79	41.5	41.3	43.1	6.92	6.81	6.77
Grain Mill Products	342.29	326.31	321.01	45.7	43.8	44.4	7.49	7.45	7.23
Bakery Products	321.00	310.01	292.99	42.8	41.5	41.5	7.50	7.47	7.06
Beverages	492.38	493.66	566.43	41.1	41.8	47.4	11.98	11.81	11.95
Tobacco Manufacturers	523.92	493.78	487.87	37.0	38.1	37.1	14.16	12.96	13.15
Cigarettes	595.41	582.32	554.94	37.4	37.4	36.8	15.92	15.57	15.08
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	210.10	218.83	209.17	34.9	40.6	38.1	6.02	5.39	5.49
Textile Mill Products	292.22	287.55	272.17	43.1	42.6	41.3	6.78	6.75	6.59
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	334.96	330.69	298.25	43.9	43.8	40.8	7.63	7.55	7.31
Weaving Mills, Cotton	339.55	328.61	296.00	43.7	42.9	40.0	7.77	7.66	7.40
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	329.87	333.31	301.07	44.1	44.8	41.7	7.48	7.44	7.22
Knitting Mills	257.72	254.61	241.96	41.5	41.0	39.6	6.21	6.21	6.11
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	248.47	242.47	241.00	41.9	40.7	40.1	5.93	5.96	6.01
Hosiery, NEC	239.34	241.13	210.75	39.3	39.4	35.6	6.09	6.12	5.92
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	295.99	292.03	281.22	43.4	43.2	43.0	6.82	6.76	6.54
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	302.36	298.32	317.86	44.4	44.0	46.0	6.81	6.78	6.91
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	319.41	297.89	301.46	45.5	42.8	43.5	7.02	6.96	6.93
Yarn & Thread Mills	293.49	287.32	274.96	44.2	43.6	43.3	6.64	6.59	6.35
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.42	203.90	200.85	38.8	38.4	38.7	5.32	5.31	5.19
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	207.81	202.54	202.16	38.2	37.3	38.0	5.44	5.43	5.32
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	187.72	186.50	184.95	38.0	37.6	37.9	4.94	4.96	4.88
Paper & Allied Products	524.52	506.47	520.07	46.5	45.1	45.5	11.28	11.23	11.43
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	699.86	676.83	661.07	48.1	47.1	46.1	14.55	14.37	14.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	404.03	374.85	383.04	47.2	44.1	45.6	8.56	8.50	8.40
Printing & Publishing	371.54	355.02	354.32	41.1	39.8	41.2	9.04	8.92	8.60
Newspapers	284.74	281.22	274.32	34.1	33.8	33.7	8.35	8.32	8.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	438.35	429.84	411.03	42.6	42.1	42.2	10.29	10.21	9.74
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	491.87	487.45	455.99	43.8	43.6	42.3	11.23	11.18	10.78
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	389.25	392.46	385.81	41.9	42.2	41.8	9.29	9.30	9.23
MINING	359.31	352.64	376.77	43.5	42.9	46.4	8.26	8.22	8.12
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	503.27	507.18	488.22	41.8	42.3	41.8	12.04	11.99	11.68
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	206.31	204.10	203.23	32.8	32.5	33.1	6.29	6.28	6.14
Wholesale Trade	324.39	323.14	311.65	39.9	39.6	39.6	8.13	8.16	7.87
Retail Trade	174.28	170.80	174.58	30.9	30.5	31.4	5.64	5.60	5.56
General Merchandise Stores	176.41	159.61	168.77	29.9	28.1	30.3	5.90	5.68	5.57
Food Stores	185.79	184.06	184.60	32.2	31.9	32.5	5.77	5.77	5.68
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.19	144.27	138.40	29.6	30.5	29.7	4.77	4.73	4.66
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	201.55	200.12	196.56	35.8	35.8	36.0	5.63	5.59	5.46

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